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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A dedicated electronic catalogue device (150) and a dedicated system for providing goods/services ordered by the electronic catalogue device (150) from a remote location stores in memory (400) a catalogue database which can be accessed by a user by actuation of an appropriate input interface (500) for the user to select a particular product or service to be provided by a provider. A host device (300) at the location of the provider communicates with the electronic catalogue device (150) and obtains transaction information relating to the user's order. The provider then fills the order and provides the appropriate product or service. The dedicated electronic catalogue devices (150) can be provided at any convenient location such as a public location, for example. Any product or service is available which can be supplied by the provider. The catalogue can be updated remotely from the host (300) to update product or service information.

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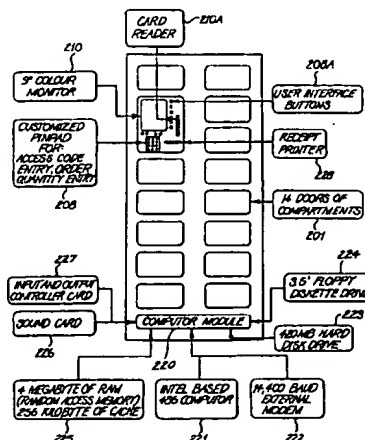
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Brief Summary Text - BSTX (30):

The present invention further provides a method of providing for remote ordering and supply of goods/services, comprising the step of providing, at a first location, a processing device incorporating a memory storing a catalogue data base including information on products and/or services available for order, and having input means to enable a user to select **available products** and/or services from the catalogue data base for order, providing, at a **second location** remote from the first location, a host device, the host device being arranged to communicate with the processing device to receive and process information relating to products/services ordered, and providing a service infrastructure for delivering products/services ordered to the first location.